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Attached please find letter in support of the Microsoft settlement.

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## VIA FACSIMILE (202-307-1454) & E-MAIL (microsoft.atr@usdoj.gov)

Attorney General John Ashcroft US Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001

RE: Microsoft Settlement

Dear Attorney General Ashcroft:

I am sending this public comment via email to record my support for settlement of the court case against Microsoft Corporation. I seek your continuing support in the effort to persuade the judge that the settlement will be in the better public interest of the United States than the alternative of costly and unfocused, continued litigation.

The settlement, whatever its effects on Microsoft Corporation, will be quite beneficial to the community that uses personal computers. PC makers will be able to re-configure the desktop package of programs that come with Microsoft® Windows, or even to combine making PCs with operating systems from Microsoft and other software makers, with the ending of exclusive distribution and promotion terms in contracts. These and other changes will bring greater flexibility and opportunity for experimentation to the PC world. If Microsoft wants to continue to lead the industry it will have to come up with new and better innovations faster than it has in the past.

Please continue to support the settlement. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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